

*Hawthorn Elementary*

# NEWSLETTER

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**November 2022**



Dear Families,

We have had a productive few months and students are engaged daily. We would like to acknowledge our students, staff, and families who have been working together to support the success of our students. During Mi'kmaq History month students have been learning about Mi'kmaq ways. We practiced Bus Evacuations and a fire drill this month, and smiled for Picture Day. Grade 6 students completed their Provincial Assessments. A big thank you to our Home and School Association for organizing a great Halloween Howl Dance! Looking ahead, we are planning for our Remembrance Day Assembly, Report Cards, and Parent Teacher conferences.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Dunn*

## **Dates to Remember:**

- November 2-Picture Retake Day
- November 10-Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11-Remembrance Day-No School
- November 14-HSA meeting @ 7 pm in school library
- November 21- Assessment and Evaluation Day-No School for Students
- November 23- SAC meeting @ 3:30 pm in school library
- December 1-PD AM/ Family-Teacher Conferences PM-No School for Students
- December 2-PD Day-No School for Students

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## Remembrance Day

This year, we are having a Remembrance Day Assembly, Thursday, November 10th at 1:15pm. We are inviting veterans and service men and women who are connected to our school community to join us. If you are able to join us, please RSVP to the school by Friday, November 4th. [Hawhtorn@hrce.ca](mailto:Hawhtorn@hrce.ca) All students who are members of Scouts, Guides, Cadets, etc, are welcome to wear their uniforms on November 10th.

We are also putting together a slideshow honouring veterans and service men and women who are connected to our school community. If you would like to add a photo, please send it by email to our Principal at [AGourlay@hrce.ca](mailto:AGourlay@hrce.ca) Please include the following information with your photo: Name and title/rank as you would like to have it presented, student's name and grade as well as relationship to the student at Hawthorn. Please send in the information by November 8th.

## Dressing for the weather

As the weather starts to shift we are getting a few colder days and some wet, rainy days too. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Even if it is a rainy day, we may get a break in the rain and have an opportunity to get outside. As the weather is colder, we still go outside. It won't be long before we see mittens, hats, snow pants, and boots!

## Scholastic Book Fair

This year, our Scholastic Book Fair will take place November 28- December 5th. It will be a combination of online and in person. More details will follow.

## Visitors to the School

Visitors are asked to ring the doorbell upon arrival and Ms. Urquhart will answer through the intercom and ask how she can help you. We would be happy to deliver a forgotten recess snack or lunch bag to your child. We can meet you at the door and retrieve the item. If picking your child up early, please call ahead. All visitors, regardless how brief the visit, must sign-in at the office and wear a visitor or volunteer tag.

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## **No Parking/No Idling**

Please follow the *No Parking* and *No Stopping* signs on the streets around our school. We have a bus that comes to our school and requires space to stop in front of the school. There are orange cones placed in front of the school to help indicate the No Stopping area as well, which is also the same area that our school bus needs to stop to safely let off students.

We also have a *No Idling* sign new to our school to remind families to not leave their vehicles running and adding polluted air to our school community. We ask that you follow these guidelines for the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community members,

## **School Start Time**

A reminder that students enter school in the mornings at 8:40 am and the teachers are on door duty until 8:50 am. There is an 8:55 am bell as instruction begins at 9:00 am. We ask that students not arrive before 8:40 am, as they are not supervised. There are no teachers on duty outside in the morning. Please arrive starting at 8:40 am.

## **Lunch time Activity Volunteers**

If you are interested in volunteering and running a lunch time activity, please contact the school. We are hoping to have lunch activities such as Lego group, Chess Club, Coding, etc. As a volunteer, you would need a completed criminal record check/vulnerable sector and child abuse registry on file at school. If you need to confirm that we have your most up to date documents, please contact Ms. Urquhart.

## **Home and School Association (HSA)**

Home and School Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and school staff. Membership is free and open to any interested parent/guardian or staff member. The HSA meets monthly. All are welcome! Please contact us if you have any questions about the HSA. [Hawthorn@hrce.ca](mailto:Hawthorn@hrce.ca)

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## School Advisory Council (SAC)

If you are interested in attending and possibly joining the SAC, you are welcome to attend our meetings. Also, if you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch SAC, by email : [hrce-sac-haw@gnspe.ca](mailto:hrce-sac-haw@gnspe.ca)

## Toys at School

We recommend that students not bring toys/games that are special to them to school. Sometimes they get lost or broken resulting in some sad and upset students.

## Information from Schools Plus

Christmas Support: All the information you need to find support for Christmas can be found at the following link: <https://www.feednovascotia.ca/find-food/find-christmas-support>.

- A family can apply online at the bottom of this webpage or directly with the Salvation Army or Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank.
  - Salvation Army registration begins on October 25 and families can register at <https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/christmas/hrm/> or in person at 2038 Gottingen Street. If there are any questions, call 902-422-1598. They offer applications in 5 different languages. The deadline to apply through the Salvation Army is December 5.
  - Parker Street registration is open. A family can apply online at <https://parkerstreet.org/programs/christmas-programs/> or by visiting in person on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday between 8:30am and 12pm. A family can call 902-425-2125 for more information and select option one. The deadline to apply through Parker Street is December 7.

For more information about the Christmas support programs or to register individuals can email [christmas@feednovascotia.ca](mailto:christmas@feednovascotia.ca) or call 902-457-2849.

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## Plans for Inclement Weather

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at [www.hrce.ns.ca](http://www.hrce.ns.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_Official](https://twitter.com/HRCE_Official), recorded on 464- INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website. If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>

## Reminders

- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- It is helpful to have a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. If you do bring your dog, please stay on the sidewalk or the field and not on school property.
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. If students bring cellphones to school, they must stay in their backpacks for the entire school day.

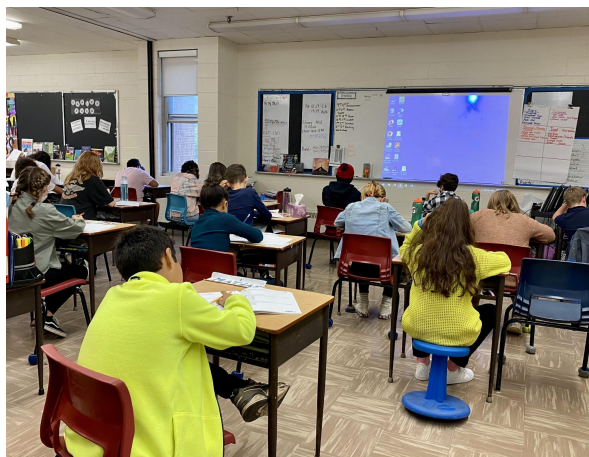
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## A look at what's happening at Hawthorn!

Primary writing in action!



Grade 6 Provincial Assessments



Primary phonics lesson.



Bus Evacuation Practice

